GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Impact of Air Traffic Growth
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic aviation sector is growing rapidly while the country"s skies are getting increasingly unsafe due to growth in air traffic and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether during the year 2016, as many as 427 pilots and cabin crew of domestic airlines were facing regulatory action for various safety violations like turning up drunk during flight or for being involved in accidents and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation proposes to introduce full automation of On Time Performance (OTP) mechanism at airports and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to Part

(a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Ques. No. 220 regarding "Impact of Air Traffic Growth" to be answered on 16.03.2017.; ; (a) During the current year (till Jan), there has been a growth rate of 25.13% in domestic passengers. However, there is no unsafe situation in the skies due to increase in air traffic. ;

(b) to (c) During the calendar year 2016, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has taken enforcement action against 422 pilots/cabin crew/post holders of domestic airlines for various safety violations. DGCA carries out regulatory audit/ surveillance as per Annual Surveillance Plan to ensure compliance of Rules/ Regulations by the operator. The findings made during such audits /surveillance are followed up with concerned operator for appropriate remedial action.;

(d) As on date, there is no such proposal to introduce full automation of On Time Performance (OTP) mechanism at airports.